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To: Provider Network
From: Willie E. Brooks, Jr.; CEO; Stacie Durant, CFO
Cc: Eric Doeh, COO; Melissa Moody, CCO; Manny Singla, CIO; Dhannetta Brown, Deputy CFO
Re: Payout - \$2.00/hr. DCW COVID-19 Premium Pay

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) will be issuing the \$2.00/hr. direct care wage increase payment on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. The payment will post to your respective bank accounts and includes the \$2.24 adjustment for all claims submitted in MHWIN through October 9, 2020 for the three-month period July 1 to September 30. If not already paid, providers are expected to remit the premium pay to employees by Friday, November 6, 2020. Please make sure the premium pay is identifiable and separate from their normal pay. If an employee is no longer employed with a provider, it is expected that the premium pay will be sent to the employee in the same manner as when the employee was employed with the provider. DWIHN will make the necessary adjustments to all claims for the increase; we only need providers to submit their normal claims activity in MHWIN. Please note that **no** further action is required of providers as it pertains to claim adjustments.

Similar to the previous payments, the payments were made based upon the authorizations and associated levels that were authorized. The authorized levels were issued based upon medical necessity in accordance with hours needed to take care of consumers associated except for Self Determination settings where payments are always for actual hours serviced within the scope of authorization. Medicaid does not allow for payment of services outside of medical necessity thus staffing hours incurred by a provider outside of the aforementioned, was not considered in the premium pay calculation and payment.

On July 29, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a clarification letter stating the premium should be based on actual hours, which is contrary to the aforementioned. MDHHS issued an email that same day retracting their statement and has since clarified that DWIHN's approach of reimbursement based on hours billed is accurate.

DWIHN will perform a final "sweep" of claims for the aforementioned period in mid-December for any claims not received by October 9 and providers will receive the DCW adjustment at that time.

Thank you again for your patience.

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